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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles County – Social Services Manager Charged in Capitol Riot

(U) A video of rioters pouring out the door after breaching the nation's Capital was all it took for colleagues at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services to say they had spotted one of their managers. Acting on that tip from a co-worker, the FBI built a criminal case against Lois Lynn McNicoll, 69, on federal charges of knowingly entering or remaining in a restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. SOURCE: 29 June 2021, Los Angeles Times

(U) San Diego - 60 Charged in Meth Distribution Network

(U) A federal grand jury has indicted 60 people after an extensive wiretap investigation uncovered a vast methamphetamine distribution network based in San Diego. The organization, tied to Mexico's Sinaloa Cartel, is accused of supplying tons of meth to dozens of sub-distributors throughout the county as well as Arizona, Iowa, Hawaii, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Texas and internationally to Australia and New Zealand. Over the past month, hundreds of law enforcement officers spread out across the county and five states to make arrests and serve search warrants. Forty-four defendants are in state or federal custody while 16 remain fugitives.

SOURCE: 29 June 2021, San Diego Union Tribune

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – \$1.3 Million Worth of Heroin Seized at Border

(U) Laredo – US Customs and Border Protection officers seized more than \$1.3 million worth of heroin. A 27-year-old United States citizen was coming from Mexico when his Toyota Camry was searched. CBP officers found 49 packages containing more than 58 pounds of heroin hidden inside. The driver was arrested and turned over to the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations for further investigation.

SOURCE: 29 June 2021, FOX 29

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arkansas - National Guard Troops to Border

(U) Little Rock – Up to 40 members of the Arkansas National Guard will be deployed to Texas to help secure the US-Mexico border. Governor Asa Hutchinson authorized a 90-day mission at the official request of the state of Texas. The 90-day deployment will be consistent with a training mission for the National Guard, according to the release.

SOURCE: 29 June 2021, KATV

(U) District of Columbia – Active-Duty Marine Plotted to Bomb DNC

(U) Washington – An active-duty US Marine came under federal investigation for allegedly plotting with at least two others to assassinate minorities, drug users, and employees of the Democratic National

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Committee with explosives, rocket launchers, and automatic rifles. A newly unsealed FBI search warrant affidavit indicates USMC Private First-Class Travis Owens and his partners in the unrealized murder plot were influenced by Timothy McVeigh, the former US Army soldier behind the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. The document also states that one of the suspects had links to the Atomwaffen Division, a violent neo-Nazi group linked to at least five murders.

SOURCE: 29 June 2021, Daily Beast

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Congo - ISIS Behind Suicide Bombing

(U) Beni – An Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) group in Africa claimed responsibility for two explosions in eastern Congo, including its first suicide bombing, deepening fears that extremists have now laid roots in this corner of the continent long plagued by rebels. The claims came just days after a Ugandan man detonated his explosives at a busy intersection. Authorities at the time said he was a member of a rebel group known as the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF). While the ADF has pledged its allegiance to ISIS, there has not been independent corroboration that the two organizations were working in coordination with one another beyond sharing ideology.

SOURCE: 29 June 2021, Associated Press

(U) Netherlands - Police Seize Cocaine and Cash at Farm

(U) Amsterdam – Law enforcement officers seized nearly three tons of cocaine and \$13.5 million in cash when they raided a farm in one of the city's biggest ever drug hauls. The cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$232 million was piled up in tightly wrapped blocks throughout the building about 12.5 miles south of the Dutch capital and in vehicles searched by investigators. Police also recovered six guns, silencers, ammunition as well as luxury items and money counting machines during the raid. Two men, ages 54 and 29, were arrested on suspicion of involvement in large-scale drug trafficking. SOURCE: 29 June 2021, Associated Press

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